

KAISER'S REPLY FOR PEACE WILL BE THE SWORD

No End of War on Condition That Prussian Military Be Destroyed.

NO DESIGNS ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg Makes Stirring Speech in Reichstag.

LONDON, April 5.—The German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in outlining the attitude of Germany before the reichstag declared that any suggestion of peace on the basis of destruction of the Prussian military power would make possible only one answer—the German sword. If Germany's adversaries desired to continue the slaughter of men and the devastation of Europe, the guilt would be theirs, he said.

He characterized as "the silliest of all the imputations" against Germany the report that at the end of the war Germany would take measures against the American continent and attempt to conquer Canada.

With respect to Belgium the chancellor said, "we must create real guarantees that Belgium shall never be a Franco-British vassal; never shall be used as a military or economic fortification against Germany."

He declared that Germany must assure the sound evolution of the Flemish rule and added that Germany wanted neighbors with which collaboration could be carried out to their mutual advantage.

Western Front is Quiet.

For a moment the infantry of both sides is quiet everywhere along the western front in France. On the much-disputed sectors around Verdun the only activity has been an intermittent bombardment in the region of Douaumont and Vaux. This rather unprecedented calm follows a successful offensive undertaken by French in which they recaptured some of their lost ground and drove the Germans back.

On the eastern line in Russia the Germans have taken up the offensive and are heavily attacking with infantry and artillery the Russian positions. Unofficial advices from Petrograd say, however, that the Germans nowhere have been able to penetrate the Russian line in frontal attacks. The Italians and Austrians are continuing their operations along the Austro-Italian front, but no important changes in positions have occurred.

Take Turkish Position.

The British in Mesopotamia have captured an important Turkish post at Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris river, twenty miles below Kut-el-Amara. This victory is considered in London as giving hope for the early release of the British forces, who have been besieged in Kut-el-Amara since last December. The Russians also are successfully operating against the Turks in the Caucasus and Persian regions.

Berlin reports the loss during March of fourteen German aeroplanes and of forty-four British and French machines. Thirty-eight of the latter were brought to earth in air combats, according to Berlin.

START SURVEY ON S. S. DOUBLE TRACK

First Work Begins on \$100,000 Interurban Improvement Program.

Survey of the double track which the Sand Springs railway will build as a part of its \$100,000 program of expansion and improvement, has begun, and grading contractors will be set to work with the running of its new line. The heavy increase in that road's passenger and freight business for the past two months has produced somewhat of a serious result in the hampering of many of its schedules. Additional equipment added from time to time helped, but the growth maintained until a single line was found to be wanting for proper transportation facilities.

Four freight crews working day and night can now hardly handle the business of this line. Its passenger cars operate 19 hours out of the 24 each day. When ten men were once employed, 94 are now required to handle increases felt in the line's business. The month of March was the biggest month in point of business that the Sand Springs line has experienced, but it will likely be exceeded by the record of the present month.

Not only was March the biggest month with the Sand Springs line, but it was the biggest month in the history of Sand Springs. More than \$40,000 was expended with the Sand Springs Townsite company for business and dwelling sites last month, and in all of the factories located there, prosperity seems to be working over time.

BRITAIN BLACKLISTS SHIP SACRAMENTO

Places Ban on Vessel Once Suspected by United States as Having Violated Neutrality Laws.

LONDON, April 5.—The American steamer Sacramento of San Francisco, which came into public notice early in the war when the American government charged her with violation of the American neutrality laws in connection with the supplying of coal to German warships in the Pacific, is included in the latest blacklist of neutral vessels issued by the admiralty. Charterers are warned not to use this steamer or any other vessels mentioned in the blacklist which, it is charged, are being operated with capital of subjects at war with Great Britain or are engaged in unneutral service.

The list, which is the fourth issued by the admiralty, shows a substantial increase in blacklisted tonnage over the previous list.

While the blacklist is larger than ever the list of exemptions for vessels chartered for the allied trade is also growing.

The Sacramento before she was given American registry in 1914, was the Alexandria of the Kosmos line, a German concern.

Wilson Ignores Rule and Dines With Army Head

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Wilson broke a precedent tonight by going to Fort Meyer, Va., for dinner with Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army. It is customary for the president to accept dinner invitations only from members of his cabinet.

GRABS A REVOLVER IN BANDIT'S HAND

H. A. Cutter Wounded in Fight With Man Who Tried to Rob Him.

Grabbing a revolver in the hand of a bandit who entered his grocery store, 302 South Norfolk, last night and tried to hold him up, H. A. Cutter was struck in the head by a bullet and received a bad scalp wound. The bandit escaped without obtaining any money and Cutter was taken to the Tulsa hospital where his wound is said to be not serious.

The gunman walked into the grocery at about 8:30 and asked for a cigar. Cutter was in the act of closing the store and when he turned his back the order to "put 'em up" was given. For answer Cutter grabbed the gun which was held menacingly at his head and a fight for its possession was on. In some manner the weapon was exploded the bullet tearing an ugly gash in the grocery keeper's head.

The police were apprised of the matter at once and several men assigned to run down the gunman. No trace was found of him.

108 MORE TRUCKS SOON. But Officials on Border Still Regard Railroads as Necessity.

SAN ANTONIO, April 5.—General Funston was advised by the war department today that his request for more automobile trucks had been granted and while the addition of 108 more trucks to those already carrying supplies along the line of communications to the troops in Mexico will serve to relieve the situation, staff officers here still regarded the use of the railroads from El Paso as essential to the success of the campaign against Villa. With six thousand horses and mules to feed every day and approximately that many men the quartermaster department realized the difficulties with which it had to contend.

No reports from General Pershing as to operations south of Namsauque were received and officers here are yet lacking details of the skirmish between Colonel Brown's cavalry and Villa's men on April 1.

VILL WORKER IS MURDERED. Dispute Over Land Leads to Shooting by Oil Field Worker.

ABINGTON, La., April 5.—Pat Andrews, an oil field worker, was shot three times and killed here today by W. H. Savage, Pipe Line company quartermaster. A dispute over the ownership of land led to the tragedy. Savage first attacked Andrews with a club and shot him as he was running away. After the shooting Savage left formed, pursued him, a posse, hurriedly formed, pursued him. Savage mounted an oil derrick where he was captured as he was haranguing a number of oil workers. Andrews and Savage are both men of families.

FEAR RACE RIOT IN VIRGINIA. Officers Round up Men After Negro Kills Sailor and Marine.

NORFOLK, Va., April 5.—Following the killing of a sailor and a marine here tonight by George Carter, a negro, fears of a race riot led officers to round up all men on shore leave from the battleship New Hampshire, now in Hampton Roads. C. E. Day, ordinary seaman from the New Hampshire, and Charles Symonson, a marine from the naval hospital, were the two men whom Carter shot and killed.

Auto Trucks for Pershing.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Colonel Daniel E. McCarthy, of the quartermaster's office, central department, issued an order today for 108 automobile trucks, costing approximately \$24,000. The trucks will be sent to El Paso, Texas, it was said.

SHOT, BANDIT IS IN HIDING, SAYS RECENT REPORT

General Gavira, Commander at Juarez, Insists That Villa Is Wounded.

MAY BE CAPTURED ANY TIME, IT SEEMS

If He Is in Mountainous Regions It Would Require Weeks to Get Him.

EL PASO, April 5.—The story that Francisco Villa was wounded and his capture imminent was asserted again tonight by General Gavira, the Carranza commander at Juarez.

General Gavira made public a telegram which he said he had received from General Bertani at Madera stating positively that the bandit had been shot and was in hiding somewhere between Racheva and Satevo.

The message confirms reports from American headquarters that Villa was definitely located heading toward Satevo. While the story that he is wounded is still accepted here with considerable reserve, it is pointed out that several days have elapsed since the fugitive was reported in the neighborhood of Satevo on his way to Paranal and that nothing has been heard of his movements. It is said that if Villa was in full possession of his health and traveling at his usual speed of forty or more miles a day he should have reached and passed Paranal by this time, which could hardly escape being reported.

Excellent Hiding Place.

Bachineva is located on the eastern side of the continental divide about thirty miles from Guerrero, with which it is connected by the famous Bachineva pass. Through this pass that all accounts agree Villa made his way after the defeat of his followers by Colonel Dodd near Guerrero. From Bachineva to Satevo the trail runs about seventy miles through a broad, well-watered and fertile valley. On each side of the valley, however, there stretches for many miles the wildest mountain wastes in Mexico, an almost ideal country for a fugitive. To search this district would take weeks, according to Americans who are familiar with it.

Condemned—Reprived.

Considerable mystery is involved in the condemnation to death of the three ring leaders of the alleged plot to seize Juarez and their sudden reprieve at midnight by General Gavira. Both General Gavira and Consul Garcia have alternately described the plot as that of Villistas and of Diaz followers. As the Villistas and Diazists or Pelizistas, as they are sometimes called, represent opposite ends of the pole in Mexican politics, Villa being the so-called champion of the peons and Felix Diaz representing the elements of the development of the United States, there is a good deal of speculation in El Paso as to the details of the plot.

The Mexican officials refuse to discuss the matter. The plot was supposed to have been hatched in El Paso, but the American local authorities deny any knowledge of it. Fifteen Mexicans suspected of being Villistas were arrested here today and are being held for investigation.

Turks Resistance Slight. PETROGRAD, via London, April 5.

(2:40 p. m.)—Although there has been no recent official news concerning the developments on the Caucasus front, it has been learned from private sources that the Russian armies beyond Erzerum and in Persia are progressing swiftly and that the Turkish forces are offering only occasional resistance.

It is evident that the Russian troops advancing through Persia to the Mesopotamia frontier have not yet met the main Turkish forces. Those, consisting of the Bagdad divisions and reinforcements sent southward after the fall of Bitlis and Mush, are reported to be assembling in the Harik-Kan pass and when the Russians reach this point they will be confronted no longer by mountain bands and remnants of broken and demoralized divisions, but with the full strength of the organized Turkish army.

Therefore, although an ultimate junction with the British forces is not doubted here, it is not supposed that this consummation of the Russian plans will be easily reached.

The Germans, however, passed quickly to a general offensive along the entire northern front in Russia, their attacks reaching the highest intensity in the Riga region, where the preliminary skirmishes have developed into a steady assault supported by the heavy artillery. The Germans have been unable, however, to gain territory by frontal attack against the strong Russian positions and now are attempting to flank the Riga positions from the southeast.

From the other points on the front there is little to report except a continuation of mining operations and aeroplane warfare.

Fix Increase in Postal Tax. BERLIN, April 5.—(Via wireless to Tuckerton.)

The taxation committee of the reichstag fixed the amount of the increase in the postal taxes recently proposed. Stamps for letters are increased three pfennigs in cost and those for printed matter two pfennigs, while for telegrams the increase is two pfennigs for each word.

German Who Held Up Ship Without Aid Faces Trial

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SUN-BAKED TROOPS NOT DISHEARTENED

Shoes Lacerated and Clothing Torn to Shreds by Rough Country.

WEARING SANDALS 25-YEAR SENTENCE FOR HENRY SMITH

Convicted of Manslaughter in the First Degree by Jury.

Henry Smith, on trial for the murder of B. V. Cook, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the district court yesterday afternoon and sentenced to serve ten-five years in the state penitentiary. The case was given to the jury at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon and an agreement had been reached within an hour. Motion for a new trial was made immediately by the defendant's attorneys.

The case had occupied the attention of the district court for the past three days. Cook sustained five knife wounds in a fight with Smith which resulted in his death. The argument arose over a lease on some land located near Turley. The wounded man died March 4.

It was the contention of the state that Cook died from the effect of a blood clot which formed over his heart and was directly traceable to one of the stab wounds. To support this theory the state introduced two physicians who attended Cook. The defense introduced a doctor with the expectation of refuting the contention but on cross examination he admitted that the wound might have caused death.

Self-defense was made an issue in the case following the collapse of the expert testimony.

The widow of the murdered man was in the courtroom throughout the trial and assisted the county attorney and his assistants in making a strong case against Smith. When the verdict was announced she shook hands with each juror and thanked them.

Smith was apparently unaffected by the result. He gave no sign that he had even heard the reading of the verdict.

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Pursue Negro Assailant of a Little Child

McALESTER, Okla., April 5.—Bloodhounds from the state penitentiary were turned loose in McAlester this afternoon to chase an unknown assailant of Helen, 8 year old daughter of E. E. Anderson, president of the McAlester Business college, and a posse of officers and citizens worked on the case until late tonight, but were unable to find the man. Three suspects were arrested. The child is unhurt, physicians say.

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CARRANZA TIRES OF LENGTH OF SEARCH

State Department Believes He May Soon Ask Troops Withdrawal.

IS "HOT TRAIL" COLD?

Lengthening of Communication Lines Necessitates More Trucks.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—In the absence of further news of fighting in Mexico between the American forces and Villa bandits attention of officials here today centered upon the diplomatic aspects of the punitive expedition.

Information of the war and state departments regarding use of the Mexican railways to ship supplies to General Pershing was conflicting. The war department had no reports indicating that Carranza authorities at Juarez had received orders to accept shipments from General Funston's motor service was the state department, however, said he understood such orders had been issued. Mr. Lansing also declared he thought the difficulty was physical, not political, and was due largely to the disorganized condition of rolling stock and roadbed of the Mexico North-western.

Carranza Obstacles?

Some officials still were inclined to connect the delay in permitting use of the railways with a desire on the part of Carranza to see the American soldiers back on their own territory. Already it is understood, de facto officials on the border have made informal inquiries as to how much longer the expedition will remain in Mexico, and how much further southward it intends to penetrate. As the United States now is pursuing a "hot trail" it would occasion no great surprise here if Carranza should suggest soon that the trail had gotten cold and question the propriety of the United States proceeding much further.

More Trucks Ordered.

Immediate necessity for lengthening General Pershing's lines of communication caused Secretary Baker to send telegraphic orders today for 108 more motor trucks and gasoline tanks. There are already six companies with 162 cars, engaged in lines from Columbus. Secretary Baker stated that he was perfectly satisfied that under existing conditions and present plans the motor service was adequate without using the railways.

Now Coming Country.

General Funston today forwarded a message from General Pershing stating that the latter conferred Monday at Proviencia with Colonel Dods. Proviencia is about thirty miles north of Guerrero and only twenty miles beyond the southernmost end of motor communication lines at Namsauque. Officials believe that General Pershing was at the front of the advance lines and that the expedition is engaged in combing the country about Guerrero without proceeding in strength further to the south.

PROBE KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—An immediate investigation of published charges against the police department here in connection with yesterday's municipal election, in which George H. Edwards, Republican, was elected mayor by a plurality of about 8,300 votes over Mayor Henry L. Jost, Democrat, is urged in a resolution adopted today by the public affairs committee of the Commercial club of Kansas City. The resolution asks the board of directors of the club to demand that Governor Elliott W. Major investigate the police department if any of the charges are substantiated.

LORIMER DIDN'T O. K. THE LOANS

Detailed History of all the Notes of the La Salle National Bank is Told.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Detailed history of all the notes of the various Munday-Lorimer-Huttig enterprises as shown by the books and records of the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank was given today at the trial of William Lorimer, charged with conspiracy in connection with the failure of the bank. Pierre Coleman, an accountant who has spent two years in examining the records of the bank for the state, was the witness.

"From your investigation did you find the O. K. of Mr. Lorimer on any loan that the bank made to any Lorimer-Munday concern?" Lorimer's attorney asked.

"I don't remember ever having seen Lorimer's signature."

"Did you ever find any instance of Lorimer's having kited a check?"

"No, of course, the Lorimer-Lumbar company account is something like check kiting."

"Will you tell me on your honor if you know of a single crooked or corrupt act committed by Mr. Lorimer as a result of your investigation?"

"I would not care to answer such a question on honor. I examined the records to get the facts and have told everything I found."

Frank Johnson, a bookkeeper formerly employed in the bank before its transfer from a national to a state institution, was called to testify as to whether Lorimer knew of the condition of the bank. He said he had orders to give the former senator each day a copy of the financial condition of the bank.

NEW YORK, April 5.—An anonymous letter introduced in evidence at the trial here today of Cecilio Ocon, intimate friend of General Felix Diaz and Pablo A. Lopez, charged with smuggling a diamond necklace from Mexico into the United States, was said to have given the customs authorities their first intimation of the alleged fraud. The letter mailed March 4, last, mentioned the names of a former chief of the secret service of Mexico, a private secretary to a minister of the treasury of Mexico, and three others who were declared to be implicated in a conspiracy to smuggle into the United States valuables obtained by looting and plundering and dispose of them here. The letter also mentioned as having quantities of costly drugs as well as jewelry and antiques in their possession. Ocon, formerly one of the wealthiest men in Mexico City, who fled from Mexico with General Diaz during the Huerta regime, denied there was any smuggling conspiracy, adding that the necklace in question belonged to his wife. He wrote to his agents in Mexico City for funds and they sent the piece of jewelry valued at \$4,000 to him by Lopez. He pleaded ignorance of the regulation which requires that a declaration and payment of duty be made in such cases. Although he claims to own dock concessions at Tampico worth \$3,000,000, Ocon said he had been forced to pawn family jewelry in order to support himself and family since coming to New York. He said, however, that he had confiscated other property belonging to him in Mexico City that was worth millions of dollars.

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TAFT ASKS TULSA FOR A DELEGATION

Wants Chamber of Commerce to Send Delegates to Convention.

E. C. Tiburne, secretary of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Allied Interests has received a communication from ex-President William H. Taft, asking that delegates be sent from here to the first annual national assemblage of the League to Enforce Peace, to be held in Washington on May 26 and 27. Mr. Taft is the president of the league.

With a view to having the country's business men well represented at the league's first annual conference, Mr. Taft has sent a like invitation to all of the commercial organizations which have a membership in the chamber of commerce of the United States.

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The point of difference between the Taft league's plan and that of the national chamber of commerce lies in the third proposal, the latter organization having failed to adopt by a two-thirds vote, the "joint armed force" clause. The idea of an economic boycott, however, was sustained.

MASKED BANDITS HOLD UP

MUSKOGEE, Okla., April 5.—Two masked bandits held up and robbed the passengers in the smoking car of Rock Island passenger train No. 41 as the train was leaving Howe, Okla., tonight, and after securing about \$115 and four watches, commanded the conductor to stop the train, after which they escaped.

Posse are now being formed at Howe and Red Oak to pursue the bandits.

TELLS OFFICERS OF SMUGGLING PLANS

Intimate Friend of Felix Diaz Tells of Attempt to Get Jewels Across Boundary Line.

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